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SUBJECT: SPAIN COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR A/S SECRETARY  
BLOOMFIELD DELEGATION

REF: STATE 126889

1. Embassy welcomes and grants country clearance to  
Assistant Secretary Lincoln Bloomfield, OSD Deputy Assistant  
Secretary of Defense Andrew Hoehn, OSD Commander Randall

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Hendrickson, Nathaniel Heller, EUR to travel to Madrid June  
15-16 for discussions with government officials on the U.S.  
Global Defense Posture Review.

2. Embassy Control Officer is Political Military Officer  
Robert J. Riley who can be reached at work (34-91-587-2392)  
on his mobile phone (34-609-057-454) or via e-mail:  
rileyxj@state.gov.

3. As requested in reftel, reservations have been made at  
the Occidental Miguel Angel Hotel located at Calle Miguel  
Angel, 29-31, Madrid 28010. The hotel can be reached at  
34-91-442-0022 or faxed at 34-91-442-5320.

4. Visitors are reminded that bearers of diplomatic and  
official passports coming to Spain on official business need  
to obtain a Spanish visa prior to arrival in Spain.

5. THREAT ASSESSMENT:

In general, Spain is safe. However, Madrid, Barcelona and  
other large cities in Spain -- including resort/convention  
areas such as Benidorm -- attract a large number of criminals  
and pickpockets and frequent incidents of crime of  
opportunity against the unwary do occur. Carry only  
essential items including a photocopy of your passport's  
photo page. Visitors can protect themselves against crime by  
being street-smart, alert and aware of their surroundings. In  
the event you are victimized by crime, or experience any  
security-related incident, please contact the Embassy's  
Regional Security Office at 91-587-2550 or after hours at  
91-587-2355. Official visitors to the Embassy in Madrid or  
the Consulate General in Barcelona are encouraged to receive  
a security briefing from the RSO office at their earliest  
convenience. Additional information regarding safety and  
security in Spain is available on the U.S. Department of  
State's website (<http://www.state.gov>) and the U.S. Embassy's  
website ([www.embusa.es](http://www.embusa.es)).

Travelers are encouraged to review the most recent Worldwide  
Caution issued by the Department of State. As the Department  
of State continues to develop information on any potential  
security threats to Americans overseas, it shares credible  
threat information through its Consular Information Program  
documents, available on the Internet at  
<http://travel.state.gov>. In addition to information on the  
Internet, U.S. travelers can hear recorded information by  
calling the Department of State in Washington, D.C. at  
202-647-5225 from their touch-tone telephone, or receive  
information by automated telefax by dialing 202-647-3000 from  
their fax machine.

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